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Graphics Support for OSI Production

1. It is the understanding of OSI that the graphics support of the Agency is the responsibility of the Presentation Graphics Branch of ORE. In the past the graphics problem in connection with OSI production has been small and Presentation Graphics Branch, ORE, has been extremely cooperative in supporting that production with its limited resources.

2. Recently, however, OSI production has increased and may be expected to increase in the future. As a result, the Presentation Graphics Branch is no longer in a position to provide the necessary graphics services to permit timely publication of intelligence. As a recent example, an OSI publication containing 16 figures required three months to process through ORE Presentation Graphics Branch. This situation has now become acute with the completion of preliminary drafts of OSI/SR-11/49, which will contain approximately 50 plates, many of which are highly technical electronic circuit diagrams and engineering blueprints. Scheduled publication date is 1 January 1950, which cannot possibly be met without major dislocation of Presentation Graphics Branch/ORE.

3. It is recommended, therefore, that:

a. Steps be taken to plan a reasonable production schedule for the current graphics problem relating to OSI/SR-11/49, and

b. The requirements of future OSI production be considered with a view towards expanding present graphics facilities for the Agency.

4. Mr. [REDACTED], Acting Chief, OSI Production Division, may be contacted in discussion of this problem.

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